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## Why Nazis Do Not Launch Mass Bombing Raids

# AIR ARMADA CRIPPLED BY SHORTAGE OF HIGH- GRADE PETROL

EXCLUSIVE TO "THE PEOPLE"

**BEHIND THE ABSENCE OF LARGE-SCALE NAZI BOMBING RAIDS ON BRITAIN IS A SIMPLE EXPLANATION—GRAVE SHORTAGE OF HIGH-GRADE AVIATION PETROL IS KEEPING GERMANY'S AIR ARMADA CHAINED TO THE GROUND.**

Field-Marshal Goering dare not launch his planes on the series of mass raids threatened by Hitler, because Germany's present stocks of the pure spirit on which fast fighting planes and long-range bombers run would last only three months under those conditions.

Both Hitler and his Air Chief, despite their boasts, know that there is no hope of winning in so short a time. They know, too, that Germany cannot obtain sufficient supplies from outside sources to keep her air fleet operating under war conditions.

Transport difficulties have cut them off from Rumanian and Russian petrol. The Allied naval contraband control bars them from the rest of the world's oil fields.

This, according to Sir William Garthwaite, Bt., shipowner, petroleum expert and a leading figure in the City, is why Germany has not launched any serious raids on this country.

Hitler dare not start, because, once he does, his weakness must soon be exposed.

The machines were not seen. When the Clyde area alarm was sounded, very few people went into the air raid shelters.

The sirens went shortly before the start of a local football match, and all traffic was immediately stopped.

THIRD TIME

The Shetlands had visits from enemy aircraft three times last week, and yesterday's was the second in two days. Bombers or reconnaissance machines have flown over the Shetlands eight times in the last two weeks.

"We know," Sir William added, "that Germany is making large quantities of petrol from her coal distillation plants, but such petrol contains only a very low percentage of aviation spirit."

In some cases, Venezuelan petroleum for example, the percentage may be as high as 35 per cent, but if Germany obtains as much as 10 per cent from her distillation plants she is fortunate.

Seaplanes and a lifeboat search was successfully yesterday for a Nazi seaplane which was believed to have alighted on the South Coast. The lifeboat returned after four hours.

Reports brought into an East Coast port by fishermen yesterday suggest that another German aeroplane has been destroyed.

## Latest Nazi Threat

# Ring Of Warships All Round Britain

FURIOUS OVER THE EXTENSION OF THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL, THE NAZIS ARE THREATENING TO PUT A "STEEL RING" OF SUBMARINES AND CRUISERS ROUND BRITAIN THROUGH WHICH EVEN A ROWING BOAT COULD NOT PASS.

Most Germans, however, says the Berlin correspondent of the Berlin newspaper "Aftonbladet," doubt whether this threat could be carried out, realising that the U-boats have already done their worst and can do no more.

"All warfare can be increased but hardly operations with submarines," it is stated.

Berlin newspapers yesterday gorged themselves with angry threats to begin the "totalitarian war" in answer to Britain's use of armed merchant ships—"Q ships" as traps for submarines.

"In the last few weeks England has continually trodden the rights of neutrals underfoot. The only answer to piracy is the totalitarian German attack" says "Nachtzugsage."

The "Boersenzeitung" says: "Britain is going to open warfare into common murder which the German soldier will meet out."

And the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" declares: "Germany will naturally know how to protect the crews of her Navy against treachery and the consequences of this British practice on Germany's methods of carrying on the war are obvious."

But the "Frankfurter Zeitung" declaring that the air, submarine and mine attacks against Britain and France constitute only the beginning of the intensification of the war, adds significantly: "We have to fight with extreme toughness and with the extreme will to conquer—or we must go under. That is the naked truth."

The Berlin correspondent of the Basle "National Zeitung" says that foreign Pressmen were told yesterday at the German Foreign Office that Germany's answer to the tightening of the British contraband control would be "not merely theoretical but practical."

"Every shot fired will be answered by ten shots," said the German spokesman.

(Reuter, Exchange and B.U.P. messages.)

In France with the R.A.F., Saturday.

**BIG-HEARTED ARTHUR** they call him in the French village where one of Britain's bomber squadrons is billeted. He is the R.A.F. doctor.

But since the village doctor is old and too infirm to turn out at night, it is to "Arthur" that the 300 inhabitants turn when they are ill.

He has had dozens of cases of measles and mumps and cheerfully treats everything they bring him.

The other day an agitated mother came to him to say that her daughter

was expecting a happy event at any moment.

The aged doctor was unable to attend her. Would "Arthur" help?

"Arthur" rang up a French hospital many miles away and said, "This is the R.A.F. I have a maternity case for you."

Stupefaction at the other end of the line!

"Did you say a maternity case?" the operator stammered.

"Arthur" explained. Then he called for the girl with an R.A.F. ambulance and two attendants, and they drove like the wind to hospital.

Today the genial M.O. received a telegram from the hospital, "Marie has a fine boy. Is going to call him Arthur. Wants you to be godfather."

## SECRET WAR WEAPON OF HITLER WILL SOON BE A DUD

# Navy Find A Way To Blow Magnetic Mine Peril Sky-High

THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY, "THE PEOPLE" LEARNED YESTERDAY, WILL SOON HAVE ON THE SEAS AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER TO THE GERMAN MAGNETIC MINES WHICH HAVE CAUSED RECENT HAVOC AMONG BRITISH AND NEUTRAL SHIPPING.

This "secret weapon" of Hitler's was dangerous only so long as it remained unidentified.

One step that the Admiralty will take is to send wooden-bottomed vessels on minesweeping duty, the boats trailing behind them, at a considerable distance, magnetic decoys.

These will explode the mines where they will do no harm, leaving a clearly-swept channel through which shipping may then be able to pass unharmed. Plenty of wooden vessels are available.

### CLEARING THE LANES

Another suggestion being considered by British scientists is the possibility of sinking electromagnets in the shipping lanes, with the idea of blowing up the mines the moment they enter the water.

"Without betraying any secrets," M. Charles Morice, the well-informed military commentator, told the French public yesterday, "it is possible to state that the British Admiralty has taken steps which will soon check the German war of mines."

"Mines—magnetic or otherwise will be located, brought to the surface, and destroyed."

Reports that Germany has been laying mines by parachute were described in Berlin last night as a "British fairy tale," say Danish newspapers. The Nazis claimed that a submarine laid mines in the Thames Estuary.

Meanwhile, British sea-borne trade carries on, and Germany suffers a succession of losses at sea.

Germany's own mines yesterday sank a Nazi minelayer near the Baltic entrance to the Kiel Canal. Of the crew of 50, only 10 are believed to have been saved.

### Sang Till They Died

## SEAMEN HEROES

FTER their ship was sunk in the Channel following an explosion the nine members of the crew of the French trawler Sainte Claire, swimming in the sea, sang for five hours until all but one of the voices were silenced as the men drowned.

Some hours after the American newspapers published this unfounded report a cable arrived from New York in London stating: "There is no confirmation here of a rumour that the Deutschland has been sunk."

LORD DENBIGH  
PASSES, AGED 80

The Earl of Denbigh, one of the most prominent Roman Catholic peers in Great Britain, and who for many years figured largely in the political and social life of the country, died yesterday at his home at Sunningdale, aged eighty.

## Nazi Chiefs Split

# HITLER IN A RAGE

Paris, Saturday.

GROWING DIVERGENCES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE GERMAN LEADERS ARE REPORTED IN THE PARIS PRESS THIS EVENING. HITLER, IT IS STATED, IS NOW FURIOUS WITH GENERAL VON REICHENAU ON THE GROUND THAT HE SWAYED GENERAL VON BRAUCHITSCH TO POSTPONE THE INVASION OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM BY RAISING DIFFICULTIES WHICH WILL BE NO LESS ACUTE IN THE FUTURE THAN AT THE TIME OF THE PROJECTED ATTACK.

## GERMANS SCUTTLE A LINER

### To Avoid Capture

NEW YORK radio reports the capture of three German freighters by British and French naval units in the South Atlantic.

The German liner Adolph Woermann (8,677 tons), which left Lobito Bay, Portuguese West Africa, a week ago, has been scuttled in mid-ocean to avoid capture.

Thirty-five passengers, including 18 women, were picked up, with the crew of 127. No lives were lost.

The Adolph Woermann left harbour at the same time as the German liner Windruk (16,662 tons). Both were believed to have been converted into armed merchantmen.

They dashed to sea with South African passengers, including women and children, who had been held on board the ship as hostages since the outbreak of war. Their plight was described as "desperate."

### TODAY'S RADIO

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### BIG CASH CROSSWORDS

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**Save For Victory****Pennies Will Win The War**

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**B**Y LENDING HIS PENNIES, HIS SIXPENCES AND HIS SHILLINGS TO THE NATION, THE LITTLE MAN WON THE WAR OF 1914-18.

By investing his savings in the new National Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds, the Little Man will win this war, too.

Already the war is costing six millions a day compared with seven millions in 1918, and it may cost us ten millions a day soon.

Just over half of Britain's first £2,000 million war budget is being raised by taxation, leaving £900 million to come from national savings.

Banks and financial institutions will be good for about £500 million, leaving roughly £400 million to be subscribed by the public.

Of this it is hoped that £100 million or more will come from the pockets of the Little Man, and the rest from the higher-salaried classes.

**£100,000,000 A YEAR**

Between August, 1914, and the end of 1918 the little man contributed, through the purchase of war stock, war savings certificates and by means of Post Office deposits, £433 million in cash—an average of £100 million a year.

Between February, 1916, and the end of the war he invested £217 million in National Savings Certificates.

There are 42,000 National Savings Groups already in existence in schools and workshops and 100,000 voluntary workers.

Remarkable sales have been reported in the first few days of the campaign. On Friday many post offices sold eight times the average number.

Firms have started clubs to encourage employees to buy savings certificates. These clubs allow savings of even 1d. a week.

The National Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds are good bargains. They are safe, their value will not depreciate, and, in cases of emergency, it would be possible to cash them at short notice.

**Laurel Smiles Again****WIFE LYING, SAYS JUDGE**

Hollywood, Saturday. MOURNFUL and much-married Stan Laurel today came off best in yet another of his matrimonial tangles.

His third wife, the blond Russian singer, Illeana, failed to persuade the Hollywood court to set aside the divorce granted to Laurel on May 18.

She tried to prove that Laurel had threatened to ruin her but Judge Vickers said he believed that her evidence was perjured.

"The court recommends," the judge added, "that the district attorney should investigate the divorce case and carry out a prosecution."—B.U.P.

**NIEMOLLER'S PATRIOT PLEA**

Zurich, Saturday. Pastor Niemoller, who is imprisoned in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, applied to Hitler for permission to go to the Front as a private, but Hitler refused to declare the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" today.

Pastor Niemoller enjoys certain privileges at the camp, being allowed to see his parents and his wife once a fortnight for half an hour in the presence of police officials.

He is allowed to read books. It is stated that he has now overcome the fits of depression of the early days of his captivity.

**Censorship Riddle****U.S. GETS BANNED STORY**

Special to "The People"

**H**OW a message to New York containing news of damage to the cruiser Belfast evaded the London censor is a problem engaging the attention of Sir Walter Monckton, K.C., Director-General of the Press and Censorship Bureau.

He is conducting an inquiry into the method by which the news was transmitted from this country while it was strictly banned in Britain.

New York newspapers, because of the censor evasion, were the first in the world to publish news of the damage, either by mine or torpedo, to the Belfast.

Most of the national newspapers in Britain submitted stories to the censors on Tuesday evening or on Wednesday. None of these stories was passed. The censors held the "copy" and nothing further was heard until Friday night when the news was suddenly released.

British newspapers loyally submitted to the ban, being assured by the action of the censors that publication of the news would give valuable information to the enemy.

But, while secrecy prevailed in this country, the news was published in the New York Press on Friday morning and broadcast on the American radio later in the day. After this news had been published in America the Germans promptly made their claim to have torpedoed the Belfast.

**Arm Bands For Jews**

Amsterdam, Saturday.

ALL Jews over twelve years of age in Cracow must wear an arm band showing the Star of David when they go out of doors.

This has been ordered by the German Governor-General.—Exchange.

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Beauty by the Yard \***

Earl Carroll, American expert in feminine charm, claims that beauty is a matter of proportion—he is checking over the proportions.

**Berchtesgaden Pig****ANTI-NAZI BADGES IN BLACKOUT**

Brussels, Saturday.

"BETTER a king by God's will than a pig from Berchtesgaden" is the text of thousands of tiny buttonhole flags that are being distributed by secret hands during Berlin's blackouts, according to travellers who have recently returned from Germany.

"During the eight minutes' walk from the station to my hotel, four different people pinned these little flags in the lapel of my overcoat," a Dutch traveller stated.

"Owing to the darkness I could not possibly tell who the people were, and I must admit that I didn't try to find out."

"There was just a touch and I found a pin sticking in my lapel with a paper attached. The inscription was in German."—Reuter.

**THEY ALL WANT TO HAVE THIS PICCANINNY**

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY MARRIED COUPLES HAVE WRITTEN OFFERING TO ADOPT A CHUBBY, WIDE-EYED PICCANINNY WHO IS LYING, ORPHANED IT IS FEARED, BY GERMAN SAVAGERY, IN THE HARWICH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL AT DOVERCOURT, ESSEX.

"Simon," as the baby boy is called by the Red Cross nurses who are bringing him back to health, was rescued from the sea by a British seaman following the sinking of the Dutch liner Simon Bolivar by a German mine off the East Coast.

Yesterday the matron at the hospital said: "There have been many offers to adopt the baby, but nothing can be done about it until we have heard from the Dutch Legation."

"The child's mother was drowned in the disaster, and it is feared that the father perished, too, but our difficulty is that we do not know 'Simon's' real name and so we cannot tell."

"There is a chance that the father was not on the ship and that he is alive in Holland, and until the Dutch authorities have found that out for certain we are unable to accept any adoption offers."

**U.S. Nazi No. 1 Is Annoyed****HE SNUBBED "MEIN CAMP"****SHE SAYS HE GAVE HER A £50 RING**

New York, Saturday.

**W**HEN U.S. NAZI NUMBER ONE—FRITZ KUHN—and his former woman friend, Mrs. FLORENCE CAMP, CAME FACE TO FACE IN THE CORRIDOR OF THE NEW YORK COURT WHERE KUHN IS ON TRIAL, FRIENDS WATCHED EAGERLY TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

There was a second of indecision—then Fritz ostentatiously snubbed her.

Fritz finds that being even a small-time Fuehrer is no joke in a democratic country, especially when his love life is revealed in court.

Man: I still love my wife, but after four years of marriage I'm beginning to think there's something in "worrying" from afar."

Wife: My husband told me he'd buy me a new hat when his ship came home. But life is too short. What's the use of a Paris model if you don't get it till you're in the running for a rocking-chair and mittens?"

Woman: I want deeds, not words." I said to him. He took off his helmet and said, "All in good time, my dear."

Man: She was always grumbling about the size of the house. "What's the use of a room," she asked me once, "where you have to lean out of the window to put your hat and coat on?"

Wife: Getting money out of my husband is like trying to open a safe-deposit with a bent fork."

Husband: My wife was always accusing me of things. She probably thinks I sink the Athena."

Woman: My husband is very sensitive about his baldness, and he walks about the house with his hat on. I don't want neighbours to think I'm a gangster's moll."

Man: I am terribly in love with you. I beg you to become my beloved wife. I will always be real true to you and will love you for ever. Heaven sent you and I will never forget that."

GAINED 15 POUNDS

However, Kuhn denied in court that he proposed marriage. "I wrote it on the night we had a big party on the boat. It was all in fun," he said.

Mrs Camp went on to say that when she got back to Germany after the voyage she went to Reno because Kuhn had asked her to start divorce proceedings.

Another of the Bund leader's letters to her read:—

To my most beloved darling Florence:—

I am thanking you so much for your four letters. So you gained fifteen

more pounds. The latter denied having

about £50 as having been given to her by Kuhn. The latter denied having

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**CHARGES DISMISSED**

The Far-Western leader of the Bund Hermann Schwinn, was called to the witness stand and Mrs. Camp testified that she had never seen him.

Schwinn had also said that she worked actively for the Bund in Los Angeles. She denied that she had ever been a sympathiser with the Bund.

"I knew nothing about it," she added.

She identified a ring valued at

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**MILLIONAIRE'S SON AND JOCKEY**

DAMAGES for alleged slander and assault are claimed against Charles Smirke, the jockey, in two actions down for hearing in the King's Bench Division this week.

The plaintiff in both suits is Mr. Derek Piggott, stepson of Sir Max Bonn, millionaire banker.

Smirke won the Derby on Windsor Lad in 1934 and repeated the performance two years later on Mahmoud.

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## Headmaster Writes His Epitaph, "One Of The Best"

# THE STORY OF JOHN VICKERS, BRITISH HERO

### Tax Man

### Sues Woman

### WHY SHE STOLE HIS JEWELS

From Our Own Correspondent

Woking, Saturday. VISITS to race meetings of an income tax official with his housekeeper were mentioned at Woking today when the housekeeper was bound over on a charge of theft.

The income tax official, Mr. Thomas John Phillips, Francis, said that when the housekeeper, Mrs. Ruth Hodgkinson, left him suddenly in September he missed jewellery belonging to his dead wife.

Mrs. Hodgkinson, in a statement to the police after her arrest at Brighton, said she had been living with Francis for months as his wife and acting as mother to his three daughters.

After the second week he never gave her any wages. He would give her to pay household bills.

They started going to races together and carried on credit betting from the house.

Getting into a muddle with the housekeeping, she took the jewellery which she pawned, using the money to pay housekeeping bills. Francis, she said, had frequently asked her to marry him. She was wounded about his action, especially after the way they had lived.

Binding her over for three months, the Bench made no order for the restitution of the jewellery.

### FOOD TRICK COST FRAU TEN YEARS

Berlin, Saturday.

FRAU MARTHA KRAUSE, Berlin shopkeeper, was yesterday sentenced to ten years in the Penitentiary because she sold meat, butter and textiles to customers without ration cards.

She persuaded wholesale merchants to give her extra supplies which, according to the authorities, she sold at higher prices.

"This is a serious warning to those who believe they can circumvent the ration card system," says the "Volcker Beobachter."—B.U.P.

### ITALY AND HUNGARY

Rome, Saturday. A protocol regulating the commercial relations between Italy and Hungary has been signed in Rome. It was drawn up by an Italo-Hungarian committee which has for some time been studying ways of increasing trade between the two countries.—Reuter.

### A FIRST-RATE FOOD AT PEACE-TIME PRICES

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These mouth-organs, some of the gifts presented by members of the public for the troops, being tried out by members of the A.T.S. before despatch to the B.E.F.

### Labour's Demand

### STATE NATION'S PEACEAIMS

LABOUR IS TO START A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE FORMULATION OF BRITAIN'S PEACE AIM.

The Party's leaders declare that this country must state as soon as possible what is to happen in Europe when Hitler is beaten.

When the House of Commons discusses war aims on Thursday, Dr. Hugh Dalton will be the principal Labour spokesman.

He will announce that, in his Party's view, after the war there must be complete abandonment of aggression:

An international authority to protect the rights of minorities. Equal access by all countries to raw materials and markets, and Restitution to the victims of Hitlerism—Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia.

Finally, Labour feels that the great hope for Europe is federation.

Speaking at Bishop Auckland yesterday afternoon, Dr. Dalton said:

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subject next week in Parliament, and is organising a series of conferences all over the country during the next few months.

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#### OXYDOL 'NO BOIL' METHOD IS QUICK AND EASY

say housewives everywhere.

Here is the simple method which more British housewives are turning to every day—for a whiter wash than ever:

1. Simply fill the copper or tub with the usual quantity of hot water, *not* boiling water. If you have ordinary hot water on tap, that will be ideal.

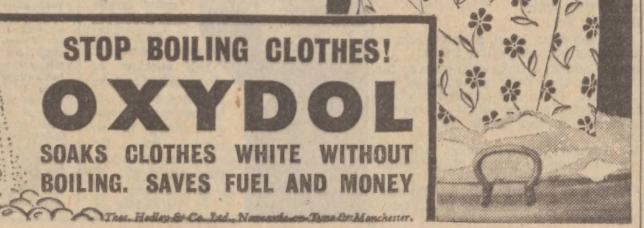
2. Just sprinkle enough Oxydol over the water to swish up into good lathering suds. You'll be surprised how little Oxydol you need.

3. Soak your clothes for 15 minutes. Rinse in clear water. You'll find, as have millions of others, that after this simple, easy "no boil" wash your white clothes will dry dazzling white—whiter than ever before.

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# AS Hanner Swaffer SEES IT



CLAIRE LUCE

British players on the stage and the films!

You will be surprised to know that since the last edition, published in 1938, no fewer than 300 biographies have disappeared, due to death or retirement, and 400 new people have qualified for inclusion.

Do not take, by the way, my biography too seriously. I wrote a funny one, years ago. They cut out all the jokes. What remains is only a bit of me.

### More Mysteries

#### At The B.B.C.

ALTHOUGH the B.B.C. programmes have improved a bit, these contain at times, the most extraordinary

Did Mr. Ogilvie emerge from his weeks of obscurity—when did you last hear of him?—to listen to "The Thin Man," specially adapted for broadcast in?

If he did, I defy him to explain what it was about—that is, unless he read the book or saw the film.

Ridiculous accents gobbled away a story that, originally a mystery, was not understandable in any word by the time the B.B.C. had done with it.

Why, too, should "The Four Feathers" be serialised?

Everyone knows the story—especially after the recent film version.

Well, compared with "The Thin Man," the dramatised tragedy of Thomas Otway, the dramatist, which was well done, seemed matey.

### Things I Do Not Understand

#### Understand

WHY on earth is the phrase "Lord Haw-Haw" used about the German broadcaster-in-English?

He sounds nothing like a lord of any old sort and he doesn't "haw-haw." Yet the phrase has spread all over the country.

"Haw-Haw" might suggest his asinity, for of all the braying.

Then, as for the song, "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," a piece of American "sophistication"—what does that mean?

Is it a "sugar daddy" that a gold-digger is referring to?

Today, the more pointless something is, the more clever it is supposed to be.

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FOUR WEEKS TOMORROW, THE HOUSEHOLDS OF BRITAIN WILL BE SITTING DOWN TO THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

They will have the satisfaction of knowing that their tables are plentifully supplied compared with the close rationing of many substitute dishes in Germany.

At the moment, housewives are interested more in prices than in quantities that they take for granted.

Christmas dinner will cost only a little more than in 1938. That we are to have one at all is to the credit of our Services, especially the Mercantile Marine and their friends of the R.N.

#### PRICES STEADY

Home poultry will be a little dearer. Farmers will want a little extra, and of recent months the costs have been against them.

Foreign poultry will be a trifle higher in price owing to the difficulties of transport.

There will be ample supplies, quite as much available in the way of birds as a year ago.

With meat and pork practically controlled by the Government, supplies will again be ample and prices no higher than they are today.

Vegetables always go up a week before Christmas. This is a trade custom since the public have money to spend. Potatoes are fixed in price. The open weather of October and November has helped

the growers of green vegetables, and these will be in big quantities.

Most of the fruit for the Christmas puddings and cakes has been bought. Here again prices will remain constant over Christmas.

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body plays havoc with it.  
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feel nervous system has  
that you cannot help it  
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reach the nerves directly  
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the one medicine which goes  
enriching and purifying it.  
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thousands of cases. A course  
of pills will quickly give  
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nervous system by taking  
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## Crazy Nightmare

It was, in its way, as inspiring a sight as that of troops on the march or grim, grey warships steaming majestically in line of battle.

But here, where it was so quiet that I could hear the laughter of children playing in a neighbouring back garden and could see, through the open window, the slender spire of a distant church, the shell and all it stood for seemed remote—part of some crazy nightmare that never could become reality.

I hope that may prove true; but on the other hand, what I have seen during the last day or two has proved that if and when this strange war does begin in earnest, Britain will be ready.

I have been touring great ordnance and munition factories, watching the

By  
**A. W.  
HELLIWELL**

# BRITAIN'S MIGHTY SECRET

**NIGHT and day the furnaces glow in Britain's great ordnance and munition factories, where a vast army of men fashion from cold steel the mighty sinews of war.** "The People" sent A. W. Hellwell to discover the truth of what is happening behind those carefully guarded doors. He went where he liked, talked with whom he wished, and brought back a story which, as he writes, "cannot fail to encourage the most doubting heart."

It is the tale of Britain's other army, an army that sweats and labours in dirty dungeons and boiler suits with no chance of the medals or the glamour that are the war hero's portion.

I have met and talked with the men who make our guns and shells, and that, I may tell you, means the world's best guns and shells. I have watched them at work, and although there is much I dare not reveal, I can record that they are doing a grand job.

I wish I were at liberty to write the whole truth, for I am sure that the uncensored story of what is happening behind the carefully guarded gates of these factories all over the country would drive Hitler to despair.

They are turning out shells and cartridges and all the rest of war's grim paraphernalia in incredible, almost frightening, quantities.

Accurate facts and figures are, for obvious reasons, strictly taboo, but I think I may, without transgressing, hold back the curtain for a split-second peek that will give you some slight idea of what is happening.

I stopped by a machine that was swiftly and smoothly performing one of the many operations that transform a strip of brass into the finished cartridge case.

It was controlled by a fair-haired youngster of fifteen or sixteen, and, as he knew it fed with dext and nimble fingers. I asked him how many cases he turned out in a day.

"Fifty thousand," he said, without looking up from his task.

## Ceaseless Shifts

Fifty thousand bullets a day! From one machine in one factory! Multiply that by—but, there, I tread on dangerous ground, and so I must leave you to employ your imagination as best you can.

With that astonishing figure fresh in your mind, let me tell you something more—something that surprised me as much as I am prepared to wager it will surprise you.

These factories, so busily pumping out the one and only reply to the forces of Hitlerism, have not just begun.

For three years they have been working at top speed, twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

For three years men have come and gone, come and gone in ceaseless shifts, and through day and night the fires have glowed and the lathes have turned, and an unending stream of metal has flowed through them to emerge as shells and bullets and bombs.

They are a fine husky type, these munition-workers—big fellows most of them, particularly in the forging shops, where you need to combine the physique of an all-in wrestler with the footwork of a ballet dancer to hold down a job.

I was warned beforehand to keep my eyes open for the white-hot billets of steel that come shooting across the floor or swinging through the air with alarming and unexpected suddenness on their way from furnace to forge, but in spite of this I was nearly caught.

The heat and noise was terrifying, although when you consider that they were patting monster 100-ton gun barrels into shape like rolls of butter and moulding bombs weighing twice as much as a man with clockwork regularity, I suppose it was only to be expected.

Ten yards from the molten metal as it was squeezed like toothpaste through a giant press I could feel my flesh

# Inferno of Thudding Forges

## Where Our Other Army

## Toils

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### DRY SCALP

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and heard it echo as faint and far away as Hitler's much-threatened Blitzkrieg seems to be.

I had been told that the shell goes hurtling into space at anything up to 2,000 miles an hour!

But the last thing in the world I desired was to be anywhere near one of these giants when it spoke for the first time. I was prepared to take their word for all that happened at the test; but no, they insisted that I should see for myself!

On the way to the butts a grinning naval gunner handed me a wad of cotton wool.

"Stuff it in your ears," he said, "and keep your mouth open. That'll deaden the effect."

And so, sprouting white tufts from either ear and with my mouth a-gape, I took up my stand about 50 yards from the monster about

which half a dozen gunners were busily performing mystic rites.

I must have looked pretty foolish. I was taking no chances!

Finally the preparations were completed, and everyone, retiring to a respectful distance, waited for the colossus to give tongue.

"I've got two boys in France. One of them is a gunner in my old regiment, and I sometimes wonder whether he will ever handle one of the shells I've helped to make."

I found that same spirit of enthusiasm everywhere.

My guide in another factory with the air of a proud father displaying his family, showed me some of the twenty-seven varieties they manufacture.

"Beauties! Little beauties!" he murmured, pointing out stacks of the new 2 lb. anti-tank shells which can shear their way through four or five inches of armour-plating like a knife through butter.

He stopped to pick up another example that seemed to have been born with a fearsome-looking tail.

"Trench mortar bomb. Gives a nice heavy burst," he said with relish. And then, indicating the thing's tail, "See the idea? Flighted just like a dart to keep it good and straight!"

He showed me another device built with the baseplate of every shell with the object of preventing premature explosion in the gun barrel. There is only about one chance in a million of this occurring, but the Government spend sixpence to a shilling extra on every shell to eliminate completely the danger.

"We are the only country in the world to insure our soldiers against that million-to-one risk," he told me.

Shells, by the way, are stacked in piles of 504. The odd four are fired over the sea into sand—so that they shall not be damaged—and recovered at low tide.

Then, if they pass microscopic tests for distortion resistance, the other 500 are released for service.

scorching, but these forge hands, end-stepped with the cool assurance of boxers as it passed within a foot or so of their faces!

They handle the smaller shell forgings themselves, grabbing them in huge pincers and sling them across the floor; but the bigger ones are swung to and fro just about head high by travelling cranes, so that you are never quite sure from which direction the next chunk of glowing steel may descend upon you!

I have nothing but admiration for these men of the forge shops. There must be a fine sense of satisfaction in going home after your shift knowing that you've done a real man's job.

"A grand set of men" said their manager, who was showing me round, and I can echo that phrase.

I spoke to one of them taking brief time off to drown his thirst with boiling tea from a can.

"The heat?" he said. "Oh, you soon get used to that. I've worked here for twenty years, and I never notice it."

He saw me glancing at his can of tea and must have read my thoughts.

"It's thirsty work," he went on, "but it's dangerous to drink anything cold in this atmosphere. We've tried all sorts of things, but we've found there's nothing to beat tea—and the hotter it is the better."

I discovered that he took an enthusiastic pride in his work.

ingenious Tests

And so great is the skill and the craftsmanship of these men who are equipping Britain's mighty war machine, that only about one shell in every seven thousand is found to be faulty, and when I tell you that an error of 1/5,000th part of an inch is sufficient to cause it to be rejected, you will realise more clearly what a grand achievement this is.

There are forty processes in the manufacture of a single shell, most of them done by bewildering, almost-human machines; but no machine is trusted to do the measuring and weighing, and the rest of the exhaustive and ingenious tests which it must pass before it ever goes near a gun.

And the guns, too, they are also tested rigorously.

Much against my will they persuaded me to attend the first active test—the "proofing" as they call it—of a new 14-inch naval gun.

Now I had spent several hours watching the making of these colossal guns. I had peered down their muzzles into the immensity of their barrels.

I had shouted "Blitzkrieg" into one

To make both ends meet and never waste a penny always remember this, FRY'S COCOA IS FOOD. Every cupful of Fry's Cocoa is brimming with the energy that youngsters must have if they are to grow into healthy men and women, that manual workers and office workers must have if they are to keep up to their jobs. Everyone burns up energy the whole time. Unless this energy is replaced by food, general fitness may fail, resistance to sickness may be lowered.

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Next washday use Lux for everything you don't boil. Tests have proved it costs you less than ½ d. extra.



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# THE STUFF TO GIVE THE TROOPS

By MRS. EVERYWOMAN

*SWEET*, spicy flavour is what the troops all like in cakes and puddings. It goes with the outdoor life, so here are a few little extra ideas to zip up that parcel you are preparing to send the boys.

◆ Boil your pudding in an aluminium basin, with a well-fitting lid, and then there will be no chance of getting it broken up in transit. Same with the cake when it comes out of the oven; remove from the tin to cool, but slip it back into the same tin before packing for posting. Try to find a tin lid that will fit over the top so that it will be extra safe.

◆ Shallow cakes are better than high ones. They are easier to cut and to travel. Be sure to use fresh eggs, and margarine is better keeper than butter. I've proved that. I always line a cake-tin with three or four thicknesses of grease-proof paper.

◆ Treacle cake is grand for the boys at home. You will require 10 oz. self-raising flour, 4 lb. treacle, 2½ oz. margarine, ½ pt. sour milk, ½ teaspoonful of salt, 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, 1 teaspoonful of mixed spice, 1 egg.

◆ Here's how to make it. Melt the Stork with the treacle and bring to the boil, add to the flour, mixed with salt, spice and soda in the basin and beat well. Pour in the egg, mixed with the sour milk (a few drops of lemon juice will turn the milk), and continue beating. You can throw in a handful of raisins or sultanas, if you have them near. Put into a shallow greased tin, dusted with flour, and bake for 4 hours.



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# SALESMAN HERO OF YPRÉS

By PIERS  
ENGLAND

**V**IVID bursts of flame cleaved the night sky as eighteen men of the London Rifle Brigade dropped one by one into the welcome shelter of a trench between Ypres and St. Julien.

The second great battle of Ypres had raged intermittently for nearly three weeks, but still the Allied forces, hard pressed though they were by the aggressive German hordes, held their own, fighting with dogged determination as the enemy tried to hammer them back.

It was May, 1915, and less than a year before these raw young Terriers of the Rifle Brigade had been poring over ledgers in City banks and offices, serving behind the counters of West End stores.

Now, with black jackets and pin-striped trousers exchanged for khaki and puttees, they crouched in the mud of Flanders while a hail of shell fire turned the night into day and jagged fragments of shrapnel whistled all about them.

Their position was perilous. They occupied an isolated and sadly ba-



life of a salesman in a big London furnishing store.

Each morning he had caught the same train up from Surbiton to Waterloo.

Each evening he had caught the same train home. His leisure had filled playing cricket, rowing on the Thames and training with the Terriers.

He was, in fact, an average young middle-class Englishman who would have scoffed at the suggestion that he was of the stuff of which heroes are made.

So his life progressed on characteristic lines with the high spots in it an occasional fifty on the cricket green, and that glorious annual week in camp when he played at being a soldier.

And then in August, 1914, the drums of war sounded across Europe, and Douglas Belcher found himself torn suddenly from the peace of civilian life, where he had played at being a soldier in his spare time, and hurled into the thick of the fray.

## Fought Like Tigers

**B**Y the end of November, 1914, he and his comrades in the London Rifle Brigade were "Somewhere in France," but it was not until the following April, when the second battle of Ypres flared up, that they had their first taste of a big action.

All through the bitterly cold and rain-soaked days of winter they had shivered in the damp and mud-lined trenches. There had been nothing to break the monotony.

But with the coming of spring hell was let loose upon the Western Front as the Germans, driving two wedges from the north and east, strove to push the British back to Ypres.

It was then that the Terriers, fighting side by side with hard-bitten old veterans of the Regulars and tough husky Canadians, proved their mettle and established themselves as the equals of any soldiers in the line.

They fought like tigers and although an occasional German thrust, backed by withering artillery fire, succeeded in reaching the British front line, the

shock troops crouched in their trenches waiting to charge, but they dare not venture into the open while the hail of fire from Belcher and his men continued.

They were loading and firing, loading and firing until the sweat ran down their faces and their rifles grew too hot to hold, keeping up such a rapid succession of volleys that the enemy must have thought a force 50 times as strong was entrenched there.

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He knew that they were fortunate to have so long survived the murderous fire that had been directed upon them.

But he knew also the disastrous consequences that must follow if they quit. The Germans would break through the whole front line and fall upon the unprepared troops in the rear.

He hesitated, not for himself—for he had no fear—but because of his men. Then, his face set in stern resolve, he gave the order to stand firm.

"It's up to us," he shouted above the din. "Let's stick it out."

And so they took up their death or glory stand—five men holding up the whole German advance! They knew well enough what the cost must almost surely be, but they didn't flinch.

All around them troops were retiring, and they might well have followed their example without disgrace.

Instead Belcher sent back a brief message: "Troops on my right retiring. I am holding on."

The reply was even more laconic. "Good," it ran. "Hold on."

By this time shells were tearing their way through the trench breastwork, and it was plain that the German big guns had now got their range. To remain was suicide.

Remembering the trench that had been vacated on their right, Belcher gave the order to move into it. From that position they would be able to maintain their rifle fire upon the German lines with equal success.

Three of the party were slightly wounded and he waited until they were all in the shelter of the other trench before he himself left.

For hours he had been dodging death by a hairsbreadth, but in that instant he came nearer to it than he had been all the morning.

**S**hell was dropping all around it as the little band of heroes crouched beneath the woefully inadequate protection of a sandbagged parapet. Now again a high-explosive shell, pitching more accurately than the rest, was showered upon them.

The din was ear-splitting, the sky ablaze with fire, and from it death rained continuously in the form of ragged, red-hot shrapnel splinters.

Man after man dropped and lay still, but the rest, inspired and heartened by Belcher's amazing courage, stuck grimly to their posts. Up and down the trench, careless of his own safety, he went, keeping up their spirits with light-hearted banter.

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It was then that reinforcements fresh from the rear arrived to save the situation. They were in the nick of time.

Belcher and his men, half-blinded with smoke and dust, deafened by the continual bursting of shells within a few yards of their trench, were at the end of their tether.

## Modest Comment

**F**OR half a day they had held up the German troops, saving countless British lives at the risk of their own.

Belcher, save for a grazed on the chin from a shell splinter, had come through unscathed, and he was able to report to his commanding officer when they reached safety.

"Congratulations on a brilliant performance. You saved the situation, sergeant," said the officer, but Belcher made light of his heroic feat, and he was the most amazed man in the world when he learned that it had earned for him the most coveted military honour that a British soldier can achieve—the Victoria Cross.

Characteristic of this modest salesman hero of Ypres was this comment on his epic "death or glory stand" which he made in a letter to a friend.

"It was a bit saucy, wasn't it?" he wrote. "Five men—three wounded—holding up the Germans!"

## RHEUMATISM and its Relief

Inflammation caused by the formation of uric acid crystals at the joints leads to pressure on the nerves and the agony of Rheumatism. Warmth brings quick relief. Applied locally, it stimulates the flow of fresh blood to the affected part, carrying away the uric acid crystals and the pain.



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The warmth that heals

## Scientists now recognise that resistance to war strain is determined by quality of sleep

## There are 3 Sleep Groups

### WHICH DO YOU BELONG TO?

**M**OST people think that when they're asleep their minds are at rest. This is not always true. In times of exceptional strain like these, most people's brains and nerves go on worrying all night even though the body is asleep. And that simple fact explains how the war has brought about such an enormous increase in "nerves," tiredness and rundown condition.

Scientists explain it by pointing out that all people belong to one of 3 Sleep Groups—1st Group, 2nd Group, 3rd Group.

If you belong to the 1st Sleep Group, your brain and nerves rest perfectly as well as your body. But if you belong to the 2nd or 3rd Sleep Group your brain and nerves are activated all night by the body's excess acid waste products which accumulate in the blood. You will still tire every morning—feel "nervy," fatigued.

After experimenting with many foods and drinks, doctors found that Horlicks alone, taken at bedtime, counteracts completely these excess acid waste products.

Horlicks thus guards against Night Starvation and gives you 1st Group Sleep.

Take Horlicks regularly every night and see how much better you feel all day.

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### OVERTIME IN THE FACTORIES

Whether war has brought you extra work or not, there's no doubt that it has doubled your worries. You feel tired out, "nervy," depressed. There is only one satisfactory remedy—to get more good from your sleep.

### 1st SLEEP GROUP

Even though they get only 5 or 6 hours in bed, they have plenty of energy during the day. They are never handicapped by "nerves" or tiredness. That's why Horlicks is the 1st Sleep Group—completely refreshing 1st Group Sleep which everybody should have and that Horlicks gives.

### 2nd SLEEP GROUP

People in this group seem to sleep well enough, yet feel they lack energy during the day. They get tired easily, feel "nervy," run-down. They can't concentrate. Their trouble is the same as that of people in Group 1, so leave them to a sleepless death. Hospital tests prove that Horlicks overcomes this condition—ensures 1st Group Sleep.

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**ON LEAVE.** The war comes right home to all of us whether we have a member of the family in the Services or not. Especially if we are worried about our loved ones, save our strength—especially when we're worried. More than ever before, we need the healing effect of really good sleep.

**HORLICKS** at bedtime gives you 1st Group Sleep

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SAVINGS Certificates have always been  
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splendid value for money, too.

The credit behind these securities is the  
credit of the nation. If that should fail, there  
would be no such thing as financial security  
at all.

But it won't fail and the public won't fail  
Sir John Simon.

After all, nobody, even in peace time, has  
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# "Man o' the People" writes on Things That Matter To You And Me Let's Talk it Over

SILVER bullets, golden bullets, and—any old iron! Somewhere, the other day, I read that if all the financial experts were stretched heel to toe in a long line they still wouldn't reach any conclusion! It was a genial "crack" at cracking economic theories, but when Sir John Simon tells us that this war is already costing "at least six million pounds a day" he is giving us a fact and no guesswork. We need those golden bullets: Germany needs the old iron!

"The most expensive war" in the history of the world has got to be paid for. The price of victory is high, but the price of any compromise short of victory would be higher still.

It would be more than we could pay. The Empire would fall and the Freedom of the World would have to file its petition in bankruptcy.

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LAST Sunday, anticipating the issue of new Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds, I told you that "anybody lucky enough to have a margin for saving ought to use that margin to help the country now and to provide a personal nest egg when the war is over."

The Chancellor has since given us all exactly the same advice. He implores us not to waste money: not to fritter it away on self-indulgence or foolish, unnecessary purchases; and to lend all we can to the Government in order to hasten the day of victory.

This is an appeal both to loyalty and to commonsense. There is no question of compulsion—you remember I told you that Mr. Keynes' plan for enforced contributions would never be seriously considered—but somehow or other the country must find four thousand pounds a minute!

Roughly half of that fantastic expenditure is being met by "the heaviest taxation" in the history of our own heavily taxed country. The remainder must be borrowed and we ought to be glad to lend it, each according to his means.

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When it comes to fooling the outside world,  
the Nazis constantly defeat their own purpose  
by the crudity and extravagance of their  
propaganda.

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HIMMLER, the chief of the Gestapo, has proved himself a blundering idiot as well as the prize ruffian of the Reich by the kidnapping and arrest of the two Englishmen whom he now accuses of complicity in the Munich bomb plot.

He says that 24 hours after the explosion  
these two men were trying to get into Germany.  
Apparently he can't see that, if they had been dynamiters, they would have been trying to get out.

The truth is, of course, that Captain Stevens  
and Mr. Best were really seeking to make contact  
with certain highly placed Germans, who are opponents of the Nazi regime and planning  
its overthrow from within.

But that was not the kind of story that  
Himmler was likely to broadcast to the world!

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EXCEPT that in many respects it bears  
a striking resemblance to the  
Reichstag fire, the beer cellar bomb plot remains  
a mystery to the outside world.

Himmler, of course, has forced some poor  
wretch to sign a "confession," and this George  
Eiser, whose arrest was not announced until  
the Gestapo had grilled him for a week, turns  
out now to have been taken direct from a Nazi  
concentration camp!

Innocent or guilty, however, his doom is  
sealed. Like Van der Loeb, the Dutch half-wit  
who was executed for the fire which the Nazis  
started, Eiser is virtually condemned before  
trial. Perhaps, indeed, his captors may  
dispense with this formality altogether.

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We have and we must not expect it to be  
an easy one. For the gunmen and the  
murderers of women and children are  
desperate men.

This is a life and death fight. We shall have  
to shoot it out.

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SHOULD a fireman marry?" asks  
a correspondent. Not while he  
has an escape.

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Submarine disturbances are reported  
from the South Pacific. The sinister  
Churchill will be.

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TODAY'S PROVERB  
Whatever fortune chance may bring,  
Face it and show your pluck;  
For good luck often only means  
The power to beat bad luck.

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LITTLE ALFIE ON "COUNTRY  
SHOPPING"

I don't remember how many shopping  
days there are till Xmas, and I can't  
be bothered to count up anyway.  
Point is, it looks as if we're going to  
have to do our Xmas shopping in the  
country, and so do we? What? No, we'll  
be delisted.

We're making our preparations in  
good time, but it'll be practically December  
before we can turn round, and seeing we had to  
have a quiet 5th Nov., on a/c of the interminable  
situation, we mean to have a dubbly good Xmas, when it comes.

Of course, showing the country is  
different from the town. I mean in  
town you go to the grocer's or  
draper's, most shops selling just

their own particular stuff and nothing  
else.

I mean, if you wanted a lb. of liver, a flat-iron, sum strongby jam, a  
stone of potatoes and a pr. of braces (or kippers) you'd have to go to a  
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## Mr. Chamberlain Makes A Promise To M.P.s

# AXE WILL FALL ON CUSHY WAR JOBS



NEMESIS!

## "JOLLY OLD PALS" SQUIRM IN WHITEHALL

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED THEMSELVES INTO CUSHY WAR JOBS WILL SOON BE SQUIRMING APPREHENSIVELY IN THEIR COMFORTABLE GOVERNMENT CHAIRS. THEIR APPOINTMENTS ARE TO COME UNDER THE SEARCHING EYE OF AN AXE COMMITTEE.

M.P.s are shocked by the disclosures already made.

A little army of controllers sit in highly-paid jobs. Hordes of officials are under them. The practice of putting wives, relatives and "jolly old pals" into lucrative positions has become widespread.

Mr. Chamberlain has now promised M.P.s that these appointments will be closely examined by the Select Committee on Government expenditure.

Announcement of the personnel of the Committee will be made early in the Parliamentary session which opens on Tuesday.

The Committee will function for the duration of the war. Their task

is to ensure both efficiency and economy.

They will ascertain whether the officials and controllers appointed are the best people for the job—whether they have been given their posts because of their qualifications, or because they were able to pull strings.

They will also consider whether the numbers appointed are excessive. In many cases it is believed that the staff could be cut by half without the work suffering.

One department which will be the subject of early inquiry is the Timber Control.

It has a staff of 778 with a yearly wage bill of no less than £240,000. And there are complaints from timber-using industries all over the country of chaos and muddle.

### JITTERS

M.P.s of all parties will sit on the Axe Committee, which will divide itself into five sub-committees, one each for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply, and one to cover all other Government Departments.

But even before the committee starts work there are signs of jitters in some of the departments concerned. It began when Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, was asked in the Commons on Thursday about the thirteen appointments of relatives so far made in his department.

Particular attention was paid to the case of Miss Cunnison, daughter of the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry who has been appointed private secretary to her father at £200 a year.

Sir Walter explained that Miss Cunnison was fully qualified for the work, that the appointment was temporary and that she had not displaced another official. In fact, she had the ability to do the job.

In order, however, to avoid any possible loophole for complaints regarding other appointments, the Minister has now ordered that no relatives are to be given jobs without his personal permission.

### SOLDIER KILLED IN SMASH

Singapore, Saturday. Private Duncan Watson, of the Gordon Highlanders, has died as a result of injuries received in a motor accident near Singapore.

Private Watson, who was twenty, came from Huntly, Aberdeen.—Reuter.

## FIGHT WITH SWORDFISH

Rome, Saturday (By Air Mail).

THREE Italian fishermen had a narrow escape off Pietra Ligure when the side of their boat was pierced by a giant swordfish which almost capsized them in its struggles.

Feeling a violent tug on his line, one of the fishermen saw that his hook had been seized in the "sword" of a 120-lb. monster.

After a fierce fight, the fish hurled its sword into the boat, and became a prisoner.

Rocking from side to side, the fishermen hacked the fish in two and hauled it on board, leaving the sword in the boat's side to keep out the water.—Reuter.

## "The People's" Secret Service News

THREE groups of Austrians are now organising active opposition to the Hitler regime in Vienna. They are Monarchists, Communists and Socialists. The last-named group is the strongest, and includes many of the former trade union leaders. They have restored, almost completely, a skeleton trade union organisation in all the big factories of Austria.

Nazi fear of the Socialist revival in Austria is best indicated by the fact that Herr Seitz, the famous Mayor of the former Socialist Vienna, has been arrested during the last few days. The Nazi authorities feared that he might rally to his old comrades.

A GREAT anti-British propaganda campaign is now being waged in Germany, in an attempt to unite all sections of the community against Britain.

The line taken is that the Fatherland (not the Nazi régime) is fighting for its existence against the arch-enemy, which must at all costs be defeated.

EVIDENCE of the way the British economic control is bringing German industry to a standstill, by depriving it of raw materials, is gradually accumulating.

One recent issue of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" contains ten advertisements by employers who have had to close down their works completely for this reason, and they announce that their plant is available for other firms who wish to hire it.

GERMANY's wish to negotiate with Roumania to supply the bulk of its petrol and grain to the Nazi army has failed.

King Carol, who since well before the war has been endeavouring to bring his country into more friendly relationship with Britain, was not very compliant.

His new National Front Government is even more pro-Ally than the government which resigned a few days ago after turning down the German suggestions.

ATTEMPTS at a Nazi coup d'état are being planned in Mexico in an attempt to get control for Germany.

A headquarters office has been set up in Mexico City, a Fuehrer has been appointed, and trouble is being stirred up in the oil-producing districts.

Hitherto Germany has been unable to get deliveries of Mexican oil, for she still owes more than £1,000,000 for pre-war supplies, and Mexican authorities are now insisting on cash with order.

NEW food orders in Vienna forbid the supply of milk to any adults. Adults are also forbidden to have sugar in coffee or tea in hotels or restaurants.

Toilet soap can only be bought on the orders of a doctor. Soap of all kinds is scarce. Much of the raw

### PARENTS FLEW TO WEDDING



## Premier May Agree To—

### A SECRET SESSION

About Munitions

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

M.R. CHAMBERLAIN IS CONSIDERING THIS WEEK-END WHETHER TO GRANT THE OPPOSITION'S REQUEST FOR A SECRET SITTING OF PARLIAMENT.

It is believed that he will agree.

Leaders of the Opposition want to discuss the question of munitions.

They want to cross-examine the Government, and especially Dr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, both on what he is doing and what he is omitting to do.

They have gathered an enormous amount of information, as a result of inquiries made by a committee consisting of Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Lord Addison (the Munitions Minister in the last war).

And they don't want what they say, nor what Ministers say, to get to the ears of Field-Marshal Goering or Dr. Goebbels.

### WELL EQUIPPED, BUT

They believe that a great deal more should be done to build up a huge supply of armaments and munitions.

No suggestion will be made that we are not, at the moment, well equipped.

We are very well equipped, as Hitler would soon find out.

But suggestions will be made for strengthening our armoury still more.

For instance, evidence will be given to show that our potential production is being held back because:

Hundreds of excellently equipped factories are not being used;

Many factories could work an extra shift, but are not doing so;

Adequate steps have not been taken to secure machine tools;

Full use is not being made of the nation's man power;

Jealousy between firms is holding back production;

There is a grave lack of co-operation.

It will be suggested, too, that Dr. Burgin may not be the right man for the job, and that instead of a lawyer a man of outstanding mass-production engineering attainments ought to be appointed.

### CRICKETER FINED FOR RECEIVING

From Our Own Correspondent

Southampton, Saturday. James Bailey, of Luccombe-pl., Southampton, the Hampshire cricketer, was fined £2 here today for receiving two drums of petrol, value £1 0s. 6d., knowing them to have been stolen.

Bailey said that in normal circumstances he would never have done such a thing. He was worried about the health of his wife and was also worried over his daughter, aged 21 years, suffering from asthma.

## Still More For Families OUR PENSIONS WAR IS WON

### SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

ONE BY ONE THE PENSIONS AND FAMILY ALLOWANCE INJUSTICES—EXPOSED BY "THE PEOPLE" ON BEHALF OF OUR FIGHTING MEN—are being remedied by THE GOVERNMENT.

On the last day of the Parliamentary session Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions, announced that war pensions allowances will in future be paid to all the children of a dead or disabled soldier.

The original Pensions Warrant

allowances to only the first four children of a family. All other children, no matter what the size of the family, will now receive 3s. 4d. a week each.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS

This follows the decision of Mr. Horace Brelis to increase the allowances for the children of serving soldiers.

There still remains one other serious grievance to which "The People" has called attention, and this will be taken up in the Commons this week.

It concerns the plight of old age pensioners, who are still receiving only their pre-war 10s. a week despite the increase in the cost of living.

M.P.s of all parties are urging the Government to act, and it is believed that the Prime Minister will announce some concession.

This may not take the form of an all-round increase, but of supplementary grants in cases where need is proved to the satisfaction of the local Pensions Committee.

### MAKING SURE OF THE BLACK-OUT!

From Our Own Correspondent

Southend, Saturday. The electricity supply at Southend failed at dusk tonight, and was not wholly restored for over an hour and a half.

Tramways and trolley omnibuses were brought to a standstill, and only those kinemas with emergency plant could carry on.

## The Housewife— What are her War aims on the Home Front? this Winter?



To Safeguard the Family against Ills and Chills

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To maintain Energy for Work

To ensure Restorative Sleep every night

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It is a proven medical fact that your bodily resistance depends largely upon the amount of free iodine in your blood. That is why a holiday at the seaside, where both air and food are rich in iodine, braces you up.

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**LETTERS from the mail-bag  
of a famous Beauty Expert**
**Town Girl's S.O.S.**

We've moved into the country and I haven't much time or money now to spend on my complexion. And it's getting so rough. But I want to make it nice again.—Town Girl.

**Good girl!** We owe it to other people not to let our looks run down in this time of hurry and stress.

First, give your skin protection, for in the country it's probably getting a lot more sun and wind than it did in town. So use Pond's Vanishing Cream on your face in the morning to protect your skin—it will hold your powder, too. Then, to make up for the beauty treatments you may be missing, use Pond's Cold Cream every night and morning. Its fine oils correct and tone the skin without greasiness. Both Pond's Creams will nourish your skin, also, keep it wonderfully soft, healthy and youthful. A little Pond's Skin Freshener after each cleansing will help to tone up your skin.

**A Bilingue Problem...**

To my horror, my skin has come out in a crop of horrid blemishes! I'm afraid the trouble is, it hasn't been getting proper cleansing, for accommodations where I'm billeted are very limited.—B.N.

Of course you want to get your skin right at once! The thing you need is Pond's Cold Cream. It's a wonderful cleanser, for it easily gets into the pores and removes the dirt that's got below the surface of the skin. Use the velvet-soft Pond's Tissues for wiping

the cream off. You throw them away afterwards, so there's no laundry bill.

**She's in the A.T.S.**

I have an awfully shiny nose and so I must use face powder. But I'm with the A.T.S., and of course I don't want to go about looking all made-up. What shall I do—Joan.

Use Pond's Face Powder. It's non-detectable, because it's made from a clever blend of fine clays that won't show up on your complexion! And so it never looks powdery. By the way, if you're a bit of sun-tan, try Pond's Apricot shade, or the Peach if you're a very fair skin. Don't forget to use a scrap of Pond's Vanishing Cream to hold the powder on.

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**Edward Lyndoe's Predictions**
**PLAN  
WITH THE  
PLANETS**

**T**HIS WEEK BRINGS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION, BUT BE ASSURED THE ADVANTAGES ARE GOING TO REMAIN WITH THE ALLIES.

Yet another peace appeal is on its way. The neutral countries get together to present a united declaration, and my charts appear to promise some success in the negotiations. I can state definitely that in my judgment the end of the conflict is much nearer than generally believed.

**Between January and March of next year we shall witness events which may mark the beginning of the end.**

**A**MERICAN opinion, already badly rattled since the intensified menace to neutral shipping, will shortly insist on further measures to put an end to the present state of affairs at sea.

**In spite of recent statements to the contrary, the Balkan countries will offer to co-operate with us before long, and as a result Germany will find herself in the position she has feared, entirely ringed round by friends of the democracies.**

**M**ORE surprises in connection with the M policy of Russia must be expected. You will remember that I was first to hint at Litvinoff's temporary eclipse many months ago.

I can now assure you that he is due to come

# More About Peace Soon!

back into the limelight, and his return will lead to some unexpected developments in Soviet foreign policy.

**T**HE brutal measures adopted to suppress the Czechs will not prove effective. In spite of all Hitler's efforts the disturbances will be intensified, and a famous personality is likely to be liquidated in the process.

Other upsetting developments for the Fuehrer include sensational disclosures regarding both Gen. Blomberg and Admiral Raeder. There appears to be some connection here with revelations of a large-scale plot.



ADMIRAL RAEDER

**M**EANWHILE, Monarchist elements launch their propaganda in dramatic fashion. I should not be surprised to learn of a remarkable appeal directed towards the Allies. The attempt to oust the Nazis will not be confined to the Hohenzollerns.

I have always maintained that the Archduke Otto would come forward as an important participant in the game, and I do not doubt that there will be some startling news relating to his activities before long.

**D**o not allow yourselves to be misled by all the current talk of friendly contacts between Russia and Japan. I still stand by my original statement, made many months back, that a conflict between these two powers is inevitable.

## BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week)

### TODAY

**R**

Disappointments occur chiefly in connection with your general status, particularly with regard to occupational interests.

### TOMORROW

Year which needs considerable care. Most of the difficulties are of a minor order, but there are signs of emotional disturbance and you will need to do all that you can to cultivate a balanced frame of mind.

### TUESDAY

Chief difficulties for you this year centre round the question of your financial position, and in most cases other people will be responsible for the strain. I advise you to take

**I**F YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK, you can have a specially compiled Month-by-Month Review of your affairs up to the end of November, 1940 (over 3,500 words) by applying AT ONCE together with a P.O. for 2/- to cover clerical and postal costs. State name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss), full postal address, date of birth, and send to Edward Lyndoe, c/o "The People," 93, Long Acre, W.C.2.

sensible precautions to safeguard your finances so as to be able to meet the possibility of additional demands.

### WEDNESDAY

Stormy twelvemonth, but you suffer little damage. Principal difficulties arise out of friction with people, and I strongly recommend you to keep out of disputes as far as you can. Financially, the prospects are sound.

### THURSDAY

Conflicting influences at work in your affairs during coming twelvemonth and you will need to proceed with considerable care in all your activities. Business affairs are likely to produce sound returns, but there is liability that the gains will be frustrated away in useless extravagance.

### FRIDAY

Although not one of your best years from a purely financial standpoint, I think you will find this an excellent twelvemonth for practically all your major interests. Progress is clearly indicated, especially in things to do with occupation, and there is evidence of expansion.

### SATURDAY

Unwise changes are the biggest source of difficulty for you this year, and my advice is to stick as far as you can to the normal run of your affairs in every direction. You will gain by sticking to well-tried methods and avoiding anything of an unusual nature.

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### MONDAY

After a pleasant week-end you settle down to an uneventful spell until the second half of this week.

Tuesday introduces an element of unrest into your affairs, but it is not until Thursday that you come up against major snags. These concern chiefly your personal relationships.

### TUESDAY

After a trying day on Sunday you quickly get into your stride, and with the exception of some rather irritating snags on Thursday, there is little to interfere with your enjoyment for the first half of the week.

### WEDNESDAY

Early part of week inclined to be uneventful, and some of you will be feeling impatient. Don't force the pace just now. You will gain by waiting until Thursday before forging ahead. Financial possibilities of the week are then at their height.

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Early part of the week shows considerable emotional strain and you may find yourself involved in difficulties in dealing with both friends and relatives.

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## Pains in Back Gone in 3 Hours

If you suffer terrible sharp pains or dull weariness down the inner sides, you can't get rid of them with ordinary medicine. It may be due to a kidney trouble. Other symptoms of Kidney and Bladder Disorders are Scanty, Frequent and Painful Passages, Lower Back Pain, Lumbar Nervousness, Headache, Dizziness, and even Eyes, Rheumatism, Appetite and Energy Swellings, Ankle, etc. Cystex relieves these troubles by removing the cause, and starts before you feel it.

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# Nazis' Ambitious Air Ventures All Fail

## WAVE AFTER WAVE MEET DOOM

### RATION BOOK THEFTS PUZZLE POLICE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**R**EPORTS OF MYSTERY THEFTS OF RATION BOOKS HAVE REACHED THE POLICE IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE PAST WEEK.

The thefts have been carried out in a cunning fashion.

Housewives have been visited by men or women who have claimed to represent the local Food Office, and who have announced that there was something wrong with the housewife's ration book.

Many women have handed their books over to the strangers, who have promised to have the errors rectified and bring the books back next day. But, needless to say, they have not done so.

The police are puzzled. They believe that the thefts have been carried out by people who happen to have thought at the same time of an "easy" way of getting extra food when rationing begins.

But it is possible that all the thefts are the work of one gang, which has sent agents to several parts of the country and is planning to specialize in the sale of "extra" ration books later on.

The rationing regulations have been drawn up to prevent anyone using coupons which do not belong to them-selves.

But once rationing gets into full swing and shopkeepers get a little careless it would probably be quite simple to use a coupon from an illegal book.

### POLES FIGHT ON, RISKING FIRING SQUAD

Paris, Saturday.

**T**HIS is confirmed by an announcement of the German Commander, General Becker, published in the "Warschauer Zeitung," which threatens severe reprisals against civilians waging guerrilla fighting against the German troops of occupation south of Radom and north and east of Cracow.

According to a trans-Continental Press message reaching Paris, a number of prominent Poles have been executed by Nazi firing squads.

A large number of Polish intellectuals have been deported from the Cracow district, while 120 professors and members of the staff of the university, after being imprisoned in an unheated building, have been taken to the interior of Germany.—B.U.P.

### "The People" Overseas

**P**RIvate individuals are not now allowed to post newspapers to anyone living in what are known as "censorable countries." So if you wish "The People" to be sent to relatives or friends in such lands, the special procedure is as follows:

You must place a regular order direct with the publisher of "The People," Mr. Charles Antil Gray, 222, Strand, London, W.C.2, or you can give your order to a subscription house possessing an export licence.

Terms, including postage, are: Three months, 3s. 3d.; six months, 6s. 6d.; twelve months, 12s. 6d.

### WAR WORK LIKE HOLIDAY

**L**IFE is to be so bracing for evacuated civil servants, if Mr. Butlin, of the holiday camps, has his way. Instead of the huts which the Government propose to construct for them, he has offered to build, at cost price, communal settlements of concrete single-storey buildings, each to accommodate 27 persons.

There would be separate rooms for men and their families, baths, a common dining room and kitchen, lounge, library and recreation room. Gardens, too.

We can build 200 or 300 of these bungalows in two or three months," Mr. Butlin said yesterday. "The cost would be less than £50 a head."

### SPY ROUND- UP BY DANES

Stockholm, Saturday.

**R**EPORTS continue to reach here of espionage in Denmark.

Two members of the staff of one of the leading Danish morning papers have recently been dismissed, following the discovery that a certain person or persons on the staff were acting as agents for a foreign Power.

It is also reported that a Danish priest and his wife have been held for spying in East Jutland.

On the other coast, in North Schleswig, the tax inspector of one district and his wife have been arrested.

### THE BACON BRIGADE



Youngsters on a pig farm over a thousand strong who will do their bit in helping to solve Britain's bacon problem.

## 19 SPYING PLANES ARE DESTROYED

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the R.A.F.

**G**ERMANY, BY MEANS OF HER AIR FORCE, HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS BID THIS WEEK TO FIND OUT ALL ABOUT THE ALLIED WAR PLANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT. HITLER APPARENTLY CHARGED THE AIR FORCE WITH THE MISSION, AND IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT HE LOST A TOTAL OF NINETEEN PLANES IN THE VENTURE.

Goering sent a squadron after a squadron of high-altitude bomber reconnaissance aircraft to map out the Allied line and spy on movements of troops, reinforcements and supplies by means of long-distance cameras—aerial "eyes" of extreme sensitivity.

It was also intended, no doubt, to spot any weak links or gaps which the German Army could exploit.

Earlier in the war only a few enemy reconnaissance planes put in an appearance—so few, in fact, that the Allied Air Forces could afford to ignore them.

### GOERING'S HOPES SHATTERED

Later, however, with an improvement in the weather, wave after wave of Nazi planes came over. What happened to these waves when they reached France's strong eastern shores must have turned Goering's air world upside down.

The heaps of bent and twisted metal which he scattered over the countryside this week-end tell how Nazi Dorniers were plucked from the skies by R.A.F. Hurricane and French Curtiss and Swordfish fighters.

One Heinkel came to a watery end off the coast of France. Another spread itself out like a flattened whale on Belgian soil. Smaller but faster Messerschmitt fighters were washed up with the turn of the tide.

On the other hand, last night and early to-day, R.A.F. machines successfully flew over North-West Germany, while it is significant that the Nazis now admit the loss of seven German planes over France during Friday.

According to observers here, the following conclusions can be drawn from the latest Allied successes:

While some of their aircraft may have got through, Germany's bid must be regarded as largely a failure.

Allied fighters, given sufficient numbers, can sweep the skies clear of all raiding enemy aircraft so far seen in this war.

Germany should be considerably less sure of her ability to follow up such reconnaissance with any crippling bombing raids on Britain or France or the Allied positions.

### ALLIES' DEADLIER PLANES

Germany may have other faster bombers better able to defend themselves than the Dornier 17 and Heinkel 111, which have been riddled with bullets from tail to engine by deadly Hurricane machine-guns fire this week.

She may also have faster and more manoeuvrable fighters in production than the Messerschmitts, which were wiped out of the air by the Curtiss fighters.

But the Allies, too, have types more deadly than have fought to date.

The effect of the dwindling of the personnel of Goering's Air Force, as plane after plane leaves its base and never returns, may well be of first-rate importance.

It is significant that, both yesterday and today, there has been a pause in Nazi air activity on the Western Front.

The gold is to meet Russian purchases in Holland.—B.U.P.

### Watch On Rumania

## GERMANY HAS NEW DOUBTS

**G**ERMANY IS WATCHING WITH JEALOUS EYE THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW RUMANIAN CABINET UNDER THE "PRO-FRENCH" PREMIER, M. TATARESCU.

Nazi officials in Bucharest contend that the resignation of the former Government was the result of British, not German, pressure.

They declare that Germany wants a free hand to carry on reciprocal trade with Rumania on a basis of the present agreement.

Already the German trade talks with Rumania are at a standstill. Herr Cladus, head of the Nazi mission, is still at Bucharest, but his seven colleagues have returned to Germany.

Paris newspapers welcomed the new Cabinet, foreseeing a strong reaction from German influence.

Wedged between two colossi coveting her, Rumania is passing through difficult times, writes Bourges in the "Petit Parisien." King Carol holds the helm with ability and resolution, but all problems would be easier to solve if the Crown and all political figures worked in the same direction.

M. Tatarescu outlined his policy as one of appeasement, reconstruction, consolidation of military strength in defence of our Fatherland, and unswerving neutrality.

In Hungary it is felt that the new Cabinet will not ease the Hungarian-Rumanian tension. But no major changes in foreign policy are expected, as M. Gafencu remains Foreign Minister and King Carol continues personally to conduct affairs.—Reuter and B.U.P. messages.

### GOLD FROM RUSSIA

Amsterdam, Saturday. Russia has again shipped gold to Holland, to the value of £1,320,000, according to the weekly statement of the Netherlands bank.

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## FRANCE'S SECOND "MAGINOT"

(From B.U.P. Special Correspondent.)

With the French Army, Saturday.

### THE FRENCH ARMY IS RAPIDLY BUILDING AN EMERGENCY "MAGINOT LINE" IN VARIOUS SECTORS A SHORT DISTANCE BEHIND THE MAIN FORTIFIED LINE.

Thousands of troops, protected by anti-aircraft batteries, are digging long lines of zig-zag trenches, fronted by barbed wire entanglements and backed up by gun emplacements in fields.

A permanent system of steel tank barriers guards this second line of defence.

The new trench lines, which are part of an emergency system, are constructed so that infantry can break any enemy attack.

RISING WATERS

Not that France has any doubts about the Maginot Line itself. But where groups of enemy forces might conceivably pass between casemates and forts of the first fortified line, they will be met by this new barrier.

And from behind the second line reserves can be held to launch a formidable counter-attack.

The barbed wire entanglements are

already in position, and long rows of trees have been felled and thrown into positions where they could interrupt a possible advance by mechanised forces.

In conjunction with the Maginot Line itself, several areas have been artificially flooded. Foreign correspondents were told that the French Army engineers have allowed flood waters to rise without actually covering the roads.

At one point we saw a river actually washing right up on to a road, although it did not impede traffic. The French can flood one large region to a not considerable depth by opening some sluices and closing others.

I inspected one of the medium-sized batteries behind the Maginot Line. It is still near enough to the front to dominate specific enemy positions.

These batteries, as well as the long-range guns of the Maginot forts themselves, shell enemy lines almost daily for brief periods.

The extraordinary character of this war is illustrated by the fact that the great steel and mining centres in the Moselle, immediately behind the French front, as well as the corresponding German centres in the Saar, are operating at maximum production levels.

Snow has fallen on parts of the Western Front and is deep in certain sectors, said the French official wireless commentator yesterday, in amplifying the communiqué, which simply stated: "Nothing of importance to report during the night."

There has been artillery fire in the Wissembourg and Saarbrücken sectors, and an enemy raid was attempted east of the Moselle. The raid was launched from two sectors about a mile apart.

The attacking force from the first sector met heavy French machine-gun fire and hastily retreated, while from the second sector was caught by the French artillery barrage.

A French patrol then advanced and took some prisoners.

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### WARSHEI SAVES 14

Learned last night that three men were lost when unknown steamer sank after striking a mine off Kent coast Thurday. Warship rushed to scene and picked up 14 survivors.

### TUGS ESCORT DAMAGED SHIP

When P. and O. refrigerator ship Sussex (11,600 tons) reached a British port yesterday it was disclosed that she had struck mine and had afterwards been escorted to safety by tugs. Sussex is a specially constructed vessel for the Australasian trade, built in 1937.

### RUSSIA AND JAPAN TO CARVE UP CHINA?

According to Paris reports quoted with all reserve by Reuter, move to split up China into "spheres of influence" is being considered by Japan and Russia.

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